

## **MINUTES**

### **MONTANA SENATE 64th LEGISLATURE - REGULAR SESSION**

#### **COMMITTEE ON BUSINESS, LABOR, AND ECONOMIC AFFAIRS**

**Call to Order:** Chair Edward Buttrey, on January 12, 2015 at 8:00 AM, in Room 422 Capitol

#### **ROLL CALL**

##### **Members Present:**

Sen. Edward Buttrey, Chair (R)  
Sen. Dee Brown (R)  
Sen. Pat Connell (R)  
Sen. Tom Facey (D)  
Sen. Cary Smith (R)  
Sen. Sharon Stewart-Peregoy (D)  
Sen. Gordon Vance (R)  
Sen. Gene Vuckovich (D)  
Sen. Lea Whitford (D)

**Members Excused:** Sen. Elsie Arntzen, Vice Chair (R)

**Members Absent:** None

**Staff Present:** Linda Keim, Committee Secretary  
Jameson Walker, Legislative Branch

**Audio Committees:** These minutes are in outline form only. They provide a list of participants and a record of official action taken by the committee. The link to the audio recording of the meeting is available on the Legislative Branch website.

##### **Committee Business Summary:**

Hearing & Date Posted: SB 3, 12/30/2014; SB 4, 12/30/2014

**HEARING ON SB 3**

**Opening Statement by Sponsor:**

00:00:22 Sen. Tom Facey (D), SD 50, opened the hearing on SB 3. Revise workers' comp impairment level for vocational rehabilitation benefits.

[EXHIBIT](#)(bus06a01)

**Proponents' Testimony:**

00:03:18 Bob Worthington, vice chair, Labor Management Advisory Council (LMAC)

00:06:24 Al Smith, member, Labor Management Advisory Council (LMAC), Montana Trial Lawyers Association (MTLA)

00:07:31 Lonnie Olson, Montana Trial Lawyers Association (MTLA)

**Opponents' Testimony:**

00:08:14 Steve Wade, Montana Contractor Compensation Fund (MCCF)

00:09:15 Jacqueline Lenmark, American Insurance Association

**Informational Testimony:**

00:11:11 Diana Ferriter, Department of Labor and Industry (DLI)

[EXHIBIT](#)(bus06a02)

00:11:50 Kevin Braun, Montana State Fund (MSF)

**Questions from Committee Members and Responses:**

00:12:32 Sen. Brown

00:13:03 Sen. Facey

00:14:15 Sen. Brown

00:14:22 Sen. Facey

00:14:43 Sen. Brown

00:14:50 Diana Ferriter, DLI

**Closing by Sponsor**

00:15:50 Sen. Facey

00:17:37 Chairman Buttrey

**HEARING ON SB 4**

**Opening Statement by Sponsor:**

00:17:46 Sen. Tom Facey (D), SD 50, opened the hearing on SB 4. Authorize temporary appointment in vacancy of workers' comp judge.

**Proponents' Testimony:**

00:20:08 Al Smith, Labor Management Advisory Council (LMAC)  
00:22:45 Bob Worthington, vice chair, Labor Management Advisory Council (LMAC)  
00:23:28 Lonnie Olson, Montana Trial Lawyers Association (MTLA)  
00:23:49 Bruce Spencer, Property Casualty Insurers Association of America (PCIAA)  
00:24:27 Kevin Braun, Montana State Fund (MSF)  
00:24:45 Glenn Oppel, Montana Chamber of Commerce (MCC)  
00:25:13 Jacqueline Lenmark, American Insurance Association (AIA)

**Opponents' Testimony:** None

**Informational Testimony:**

00:25:51 Diana Ferriter, Department of Labor and Industry (DLI)

**Questions from Committee Members and Responses:**

00:26:16 Sen. Brown  
00:26:43 Sen. Facey  
00:27:15 Sen. Brown  
00:27:28 Chairman Buttrey  
00:27:36 Sen. Facey  
00:27:40 Chairman Buttrey  
00:27:53 Sen. Facey

**Closing by Sponsor:**

00:28:32 Sen. Facey  
00:30:05 Chairman Buttrey

**Committee Business:**

00:30:29 Chairman Buttrey

**ADJOURNMENT**

Adjournment: 8:33 A.M.

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Linda Keim, Secretary

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Additional Documents:

**EXHIBIT**([bus06aad.pdf](#))